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SUBJECT: REGIONAL ECONOMIC OFFICERS MEETING: SESSION
WITH APCAC

REF: A. MANILA 1516, B. STATE 11749

1. IN OUR ACCEPTANCE OF APCAC CHAIRMAN BURRIDGE'S SUGGESTION THAT THE JOINT ECONOMIC OFFICERS/APCAC SESSION BE HELD MONDAY FEBRUARY 27 FROM 2:00 PM TO 7:00 PM, WE LEFT THE MEETING PLACE OPEN. PLEASE CONTACT BURRIDGE TO INVITE APCAC TO HOLD SESSION IN SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL MARKETING CENTER.

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2. WOULD YOU ALSO COMPARE NOTES WITH BURRIDGE ON TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE JOINT SESSION. WE EXPECT THAT APCAC WILL WANT TO RAISE AGAIN SUCH ISSUES AT US INVESTMENT POLICY, TAXATION, ASEAN INDUSTRY CLUBS, ETC.; WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM, BUT LEAVE THESE ITEMS TO THEIR INITIATIVE. AMONG THOSE WE PARTICULARLY HAVE IN MIND ARE:

-- TRADE WITH JAPAN: WHAT WE HOPE THE US-JAPAN TRADE
FACILITATION COMMITTEE CAN ACCOMPLISH; WHAT CAN BE DONE

TO MOTIVATE US FIRMS TO EXPORT; HOW CAN WE ENLIST THE
COOPERATION OF THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY
AND BREAK DOWN IMPORT BARRIERS; WHAT CAN THE USG DO BETTER
TO ASSIST US FIRMS IN MARKET PENETRATION.

-- TRADE WITH EA REGION AS A WHOLE: HOW HAVE RECENT
EXCHANGE RATE ADJUSTMENTS AFFECTED THE COMPETITIVE POSI-
TION OF US GOODS IN EA; WHAT MEASURES SHOULD US EXPORT-
ERS AND THE USG TAKE TO CAPITALIZE ON THE NEW SITUATION.

-- CAN AID PROGRAMS, WITHIN THE CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE,
BE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE US PRIVATE INVESTORS TO CON-
TRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND
TO SATISFYING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. VANCE

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